

the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3954. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3955. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration's Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3956. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3957. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3958. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to List of CBP Preclearance Offices in Foreign Countries: Addition of Halifax, Canada and Shannon, Ireland" (CPB Dec. 09-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1979); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3960. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption for 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3961. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Loan Program for Systemically Important SBA Secondary Market Broker-Dealers" (RIN3245-AF95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3962. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflationary Adjustment to Acquisition-Related Dollar Thresholds" (RIN3245-AF74) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3963. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management,

Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care Program" (RIN2900-AM82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BURRIS:

S. 2841. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow S corporations the deduction for charitable contribution of inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for direct to consumer advertising expenses for prescription pharmaceuticals and to provide a deduction for fees paid for the participation of children in certain organizations which promote physical activity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2843. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2844. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2845. A bill to amend section 1028 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession, transfer, or use of fraudulent documents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. BURRIS):

S. Res. 371. A resolution congratulating Jimmie Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports for winning the 2009 NASCAR Spring Cup Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 410

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure States follow best policies and practices for supporting and retaining foster parents and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States to improve the empowerment, leadership, support, training, recruitment, and retention of foster care, kinship care, and adoptive parents.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

S. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 760

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "National World War I Memorial".

S. 761

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to establish the World War I Centennial Commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1147

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1222

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1222, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1397

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) were added as cosponsors of S. 1518, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

S. 1580

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes.

S. 1775

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1775, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for members of the Armed Forces on active duty regardless of the date of disbursement.

S. 1933

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1933, a bill to establish an integrated Federal program that protects, restores, and conserves natural

resources by responding to the threats and effects of climate change, and for other purposes.

S. 1939

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1939, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 2097

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2097, a bill to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I.

S. 2106

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.

S. 2760

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2760, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.

S. 2796

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2796, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes.

S. 2837

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2837, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to examine and improve the child welfare workforce, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2789

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2789 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2792

At the request of Mr. KAUFMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2792 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2793

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2793 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2795

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2795 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2916

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2916 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2923

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2923 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2924

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2924 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2938

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were

added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2938 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2939

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2939 proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2942

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2942 proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 371—CONGRATULATING JIMMIE JOHNSON AND HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS FOR WINNING THE 2009 NASCAR SPRING CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 371

Whereas on November 22, 2009, Hendrick Motorsports driver Jimmie Johnson won the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship after finishing in fifth place in the Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway;

Whereas Jimmie Johnson's victory represents his fourth straight Sprint Cup Championship, a feat that no driver in the 62-year history of NASCAR's premier series had previously been able to accomplish;

Whereas by capturing 4 Sprint Cup Championships in a row, Jimmie Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports have now surpassed the standard set by Cale Yarborough, who previously held the record with 3 consecutive NASCAR Championships between 1976 and 1978;

Whereas since the "Chase for the Sprint Cup" format began in 2004, Jimmie Johnson has won 18 of the 60 Chase races that have been run, failing to finish only once;

Whereas Jimmie Johnson won the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship by his widest margin yet, holding a 141-point advantage over his Hendrick teammate, Mark Martin;

Whereas since its inception in February 2006, the Jimmie Johnson Foundation has been dedicated to helping children, families, and communities in need across the United States, and has awarded grants to schools throughout the State of North Carolina, including—

(1) Ashley Park Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina;

(2) Collinswood Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina;

(3) East Iredell Elementary School in Statesville, North Carolina;

(4) J.H. Gunn Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina;

(5) Metro School in Charlotte, North Carolina;

(6) R.B. McAllister Elementary School in Concord, North Carolina;

(7) Smithfield Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina;

(8) Third Creek Elementary School in Statesville, North Carolina; and

(9) University Meadows Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina;

Whereas in 25 years of competition, Hendrick Motorsports has garnered 8 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championships, 3 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series titles, and 1 NASCAR Nationwide Series crown (formerly known as the NASCAR Busch Series), making it one of the premier organizations in stock-car racing;

Whereas team owner Rick Hendrick is just the second team owner in the modern era of NASCAR to earn more than 180 Cup Series victories;

Whereas under the Hendrick banner, records have been set for both victories and consistency, with 4 consecutive Southern 500 victories (Jeff Gordon), 6 consecutive road course wins (Gordon), the youngest driver to reach 50 career Cup Series triumphs (Gordon), the youngest driver to win a race in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (Ricky Hendrick), the sole driver to win 3 Truck Series championships (Jack Sprague), and the youngest driver to ever win a NASCAR championship (Brian Vickers);

Whereas all Hendrick race cars are constructed start-to-finish at their 100-plus acre complex, and more than 550 engines are built or rebuilt on-site in Concord, North Carolina each year, with the team leasing some of these engines to other NASCAR outfits;

Whereas the stock car industry has a rich heritage in North Carolina, and as the home to numerous race teams, suppliers, and world-class race tracks, North Carolina has a competitive advantage in this industry;

Whereas as the first race team to implement professional pit crews, Hendrick employs on-site fitness trainers and operates a fully equipped gym to assure that all personnel are in shape and ready for race day; and

Whereas more than 500 employees call Hendrick Motorsports home, with day-to-day activities including management of HendrickMotorsports.com and a 15,000 square foot museum and team store, as well as marketing, public relations, sponsor services, licensing, show cars, merchandising, and much more: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates Jimmie Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports for winning the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the owner, driver, pit crew, and support staff, whose perseverance and dedication to excellence helped propel the race team to win the championship; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the team owner of Hendrick Motorsports, Rick Hendrick;

(B) the crew chief of the Lowes Race Team, Chad Knaus; and

(C) the driver of the Lowes Race Team, Jimmie Johnson.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2953. Mr. UDALL, of Colorado submitted an amendment intended to be pro-

posed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2954. Mr. UDALL, of Colorado (for himself and Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2955. Mr. UDALL, of Colorado (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2956. Mr. UDALL, of Colorado (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2957. Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2958. Mr. BENNETT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2959. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2960. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2961. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2962. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOND, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. INHOPE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra.

SA 2963. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2964. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2965. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment